

200.010 Standard of Conduct

Amended Bd. Min. 3-20-81; Bd. Min. 8-3-90, Bd. Min 5-19-94; Bd. Min. 5-24-01, Bd. Min. 7-27-12; Bd. Min. 12-7-12; Bd. Min. 6-19-14; Revised 9-22-14 by Executive Order 41; Revised 11-3-15 by Executive Order 41; Amended 2-9-17; Bd. Min. 9-24-20; Bd. Min. 11-19-20.

A student at the University assumes an obligation to behave in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution and voluntarily enters into a community of high achieving scholars. A student organization recognized by the University of Missouri also assumes an obligation to behave in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution. Consequently, students and student organizations must adhere to community standards in accordance with the University's mission and expectations.

These expectations have been established in order to protect a specialized environment conducive to learning which fosters integrity, academic success, personal and professional growth, and responsible citizenship.

- A. Jurisdiction of the University of Missouri** generally shall be limited to conduct which occurs on the University of Missouri premises or at University-sponsored or University-supervised functions. However, the University may take appropriate action, including, but not limited to the imposition of sanctions under Sections 200.020 and 600.040 of the Collected Rules and Regulations against students and student organizations for conduct occurring in other settings, including off campus, in order to protect the physical safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors or if there are effects of the conduct that interfere with or limit students' ability to participate in or benefit from the University's educational programs and activities.
- B. A student organization** is a recognized student organization which has received official approval in accordance with Section 250.010 of the Collected Rules and Regulations. To determine whether a student organization is responsible for conduct outlined in Section 200.010.C, all circumstances will be considered, including but not limited to whether:
1. The student organization approved, condoned, allowed, encouraged, assisted or promoted such conduct;
 2. The prohibited behavior in question was committed by one or more student organization officers or a significant number of student organization members;
 3. Student organization resources, such as funds, listservs, message boards or organization locations, are used for the prohibited conduct; and/or
 4. A policy or official practice of the student organization resulted in the prohibited conduct.
- C. Conduct** for which students and student organizations, when applicable, are subject to sanctions falls into the following categories:
1. **Academic dishonesty**, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, or sabotage. The Board of Curators recognizes that academic honesty is essential for the intellectual life of the University. Faculty members have a special obligation to expect high standards of academic honesty in all student work. Students have a special obligation to adhere to such standards. In all cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor shall make an academic judgment about the student's grade on that work and in that course. The instructor shall report the alleged academic dishonesty to the Primary Administrative Officer.
 - a. The term **cheating** includes but is not limited to: (i) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (ii) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; (iii) acquisition or possession without permission of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff; or (iv) knowingly providing any unauthorized assistance to another student on quizzes, tests, or examinations.
 - b. The term **plagiarism** includes, but is not limited to: (i) use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published work of another person without fully and properly crediting the author with footnotes, citations or bibliographical reference; (ii) unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials; or (iii) unacknowledged use of original work/material that has been produced through collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators.
 - c. The term **sabotage** includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized interference with, modification of, or destruction of the work or intellectual property of another member of the University community.
 2. **Forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.**

3. **Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, conduct proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus.**
4. **Physical abuse or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.**
5. **Stalking** another by following or engaging in a course of conduct with no legitimate purpose that puts another person reasonably in fear for one's safety or would cause a reasonable person under the circumstances to be frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed.
6. **Violation of the University's Equal Employment/Education Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy** located at Section 600.010 of the Collected Rules and Regulations.
7. **Violation of the University's Sexual Harassment under Title IX Policy located at Section 600.020 of the Collected Rules and Regulations.**
8. **Threatening or Intimidating Behaviors**, defined as written or verbal conduct that causes a reasonable expectation of injury to the health or safety of any person or damage to any property or implied threats or acts that cause a reasonable fear of harm in another.
9. **Participating in attempted or actual taking of, damage to, or possession without permission of property of the University or of a member of the University community or a campus visitor.**
10. **Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any University facilities or unauthorized entry to or use of University facilities.**
11. **Violation of University policies, rules or regulations, or of campus regulations** including, but not limited to, those governing residence in the University-provided housing, or the use of University facilities, or student organizations, or the time, place or manner of public expression.
12. **Manufacture, use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance without proper prescription or required license or as expressly permitted by law or University regulations**, including operating a vehicle on University property, or on streets or roadways adjacent to and abutting a campus, under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance as prohibited by law of the state of Missouri.
13. **Disruptive conduct.** Conduct that creates a substantial disruption of University operations including obstruction of teaching, research, administration, other University activities, and/or other authorized non-University activities that occur on campus.
14. **Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.**
15. **The illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or hazardous chemicals.**
16. **Hazing**, defined as an act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or an act that is likely to cause physical or psychological harm to any person within the University community, or that destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. Participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation. Failing to intervene to prevent, failing to discourage, and/or failing to report those acts may also violate this policy.
17. **Misuse of computing resources in accordance with University policy**, including but not limited to:
 - a. Actual or attempted theft or other abuse;
 - b. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose;
 - c. Unauthorized transfer of a file;
 - d. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password;
 - e. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official;
 - f. Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the University computing system; and
 - g. Knowingly causing a computer virus to become installed in a computer system or file.



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